



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: Confirmation No. 5501

Hirokatsu HAYASHI et al.

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Group Art Unit 1709

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Examiner Brittany M. Martinez

CAKE OF EASILY DISPERSIBLE PRECIPITATED SILICA AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME Mail Stop: Amendment

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 3, 2007, constituting a requirement for restriction between Groups (I)-(VII), Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), claims 1 and 2. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of Groups (II)-(VII).

Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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